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WSDOT Construction Activity & Possible Delays/March 25-April 4, 2004

HIGH IMPACT!! I-90/Tokio to the Lincoln County Line (MP 231-239)-Work is underway on this resurfacing project in northeastern Adams County. On the schedule is median and shoulder excavation. Motorists should expect eastbound and/or westbound lane restrictions. Note: The legal speed limit will be reduced to 55 mph when lane restrictions are in place. These speed limit changes will be noted by signage when in effect. In addition, on some days, rock blasting will be underway in the vicinity of milepost 235 between 6:30 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. Traffic on I-90 will be stopped for approximately 10-15 minutes when blasting operations are underway.

HIGH IMPACT!! I-90/Argonne to Sullivan (MP 287-292)- I-90 in the Spokane Valley is now in a long-term traffic configuration. Travel lanes are 11 feet wide. Inside and outside shoulders will be 2 feet wide with concrete barriers in place. On-ramp merging distance is reduced. The eastbound Evergreen on-ramp is closed. Motorists need to be extremely alert within this work zone. Lanes and shoulders are narrow and on-ramp merging distances are reduced.

SR 25/Fort Spokane Bridge (MP 23)-Through today, (March 25), work will be underway on the navigation lighting system on this bridge. Bridge traffic will be reduced to one lane during working hours with flaggers directing traffic.

SR 27-Grand Avenue in Pullman (MP 0-1)-Sewer work is underway between Harms Rd. and Fairmont Rd. Motorists should expect single lane traffic directed by flaggers during daytime hours. This is a City of Pullman project.

SR 31/Tiger to Metaline Falls (MP 0-14)-Load restrictions have been lifted.

NEW!! SR 127/Central Ferry to Church Hill Rd. (MP 10-18)-Work on this resurfacing project in south Whitman County should start on April 5th, however Pioneer Telephone Company is now working on fiber line placement along the same roadway this week. Motorists may experience short delays.

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Weekly Update
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NEW!! SR 291/Nine Mile (MP 9)-WSDOT crews will be working along the highway in this area on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday (3/30-4/1) with flaggers directing short segments of single lane traffic. Possible short delays.

US 395-North Spokane Corridor/Farwell Road Lowering and Bridges-Work is underway on this component of the new freeway facility near Mead, north of Spokane. Grading work is underway. Motorists on Farwell may experience some short delays. No main highway traffic impacts. On Monday or Tuesday, (3/29 or 3/30), the short section of Shady Slope Rd. between US 2 (Newport Highway) and Farwell Rd. will be closed for the duration of this project. Motorists should use the US 2/Farwell intersection, just to the west, as an alternate.

Studded tire deadline is Wednesday, March 31

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) reminds motorists that the last day to legally use studded tires this season is Wednesday, March 31.

Studded tires are only legal from Nov. 1- Mar. 31 in Washington State.

Motorists can continue to use other approved, non-studded traction tires. The alternative tires are defined as having at least an eighth of an inch of tread and are labeled "Mud and Snow," "M+S," "M/S," or "All Season". They can be used year-round, and almost all tires on the market meet these specifications.

Drivers concerned about crossing the mountain passes should carry chains.

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